Docket No. 6388-501-0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: TIGHTENING AGENT

COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE GRAFTED SILICONE POLYMER

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 8 and 9 as follows:

--8. (Amended) Method according to Claim 5, characterized in that the polysiloxane macromer (C) has the formula:

with n being a number ranging from 1 to 700.

9. (Amended) Method according to Claim 4, characterized in that the said grafted silicone polymer is capable of being obtained by radical polymerization from the mixture of monomers consisting of: